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THE ADVANCE IS SLOWLY GOING ON

Strong Opposing Boer Forces Encountered at All Points.

BRANDFORT IS OCCUPIED

Four Thousand of the Enemy Forced to Retire Before the British -Important Movement Believed to Have Started From Kimberley.

LONDON, May 4, 4:15.-It is announced that British have captured Brandfort. The British surprised the Boers who retreated hastily. Four thousand of the enemy moved to Brandfort yesterday evening in order to oppose the British advance.

General Broadwood's cavalry I rigade has reached Isabelfontein, 28 miles north of Thabanchu. General Ian Hamilton is bivouacking at Jacoberuhl, lő miles north of Thabanchu. General Tucker's division is moving castward from Karce siding. The divisions of General French and General Rundle are in and near Thabanchu.

Thus Lord Roberts has 50,000 men perating clear of the railway along his front of forty miles. He is advancng slowly, with some successes, but nothing decisive. Vet, at all the points of concentration, the Boers appear in force sufficient to compel the British to proceed with caution. Their wide front in the rugged country makes turning movements off hand very dif-

The Boers, Winston Churchill says, have enormous berds of cattle and flocks of sheep gathered in the Southwest. These they are driving north-

Correspondents at Kmberley have been forbidden to communicate for several days, the deduction being that the forward movement is under way

The Daily News has the following from Thabanchu, dated Wednesday:

tain Towse ordered his men to fix my and swept them away with great slaughter.

"Captain Towse was blinded in both yes by the enemy's fire."

PREPARING FOR ROBERTS.

Boers Erecting New Fortifications and Destroying Railroads to Obstruct the British Advance.

LONDON, May 3.-The Lourenco Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing yesterday, says:

"The Boers have begun constructing fortifications at Lydenburg where they continue to store provisions. There is also evidence of an intention to connect the disused Selati rallway, running northwest from Komatipoort, with Lydenburg, to destroy The Netherlands railway as a last resort and to hold the Drakenburg range as an eastern barrier with Lydenburg as headquarters.

If this plan should be adopted, the ampaign will become very difficult." CANADIAN MACHINIST'S LUCK. Proved to Be the Heir to \$9,000,000 of Estate in California.

LONDON, Ont., May 3.-Francis E. road between San Francisco and San rived.

Mr. Brooks' identity has been established by the lawyers in charge of the estate and he will leave for California May 29 to take possession of the es- Times-Herald from Dekalb, Ill., says: tate, which consists of the California | The American Steel & Wire Company Central Railroad stock, car shops at has started the wire drawing mills lo-San Jose, a block of buildings in San cated in this city.

Francisco, some valuable mining stock and two residences, one in Oakland FREE HOMES BILL Francisco, some valuable mining stock and the other in San Jose.

THE KENTUCKY PERSECUTION

One of Pinkerton Witnesses Charges Taylor With Trying to Suppress Testimony,

FRANKPORT, May 2.-W. H. Culton resumed his testimony in the Goebel murder investigation today.

He stated that Governor Taylor au thorized the witness to give Youtsey any amount of money he desired If he would leave Kentucky. At the conference in Lexington, Culton said he did not know where Powers or Youtsey were when the shot was fired.

The last talk he had with Youtsey, the latter said the plain to kill Goebel had been abandoned. Culton had been asked by Circuit Court Clerk Moore, if Jackson county, but denied that Culton had told him anything about the plan to bring on a riot and kill Goebel and other members of the legislature.

GOT THEM BADLY SCARED.

anadian Troops Ordered to Be Readiness to Repel a Fenian Invasion From This Country.

DETROIT, May 3.-Iocal papers to day print the following: "Windsor, at \$1.25 and \$3.75 per acre. By the Ont.-Colonel Holmes, commanding officer of No. 1 military district, has received instructions from Ottawa to have twenty of the First Essex Fusiliers, Seventh London Fusiliers, Twenty-sixth Middlesex, Twenty-seventh Lambion and Twenty-fifth Eigin battalions ready to march at two hours'

This step has been deemed advisable by the military department owing to information that bands of fenians intend invading Canada at some point along the river St. Clair or the Detroit river for the purpose of destroying about two million acres are supposed one of the railway lines.

LABOR UNIONS QUARREL.

Philadelphia Workingmen Fighting Among Themselves-Sixteen Thousand on a Strike.

PHILADELPHIA. May 3.-An a result of the action last night of the Allied Building Trades Council in refusing to recognize the Brotherhood of "In yesterday's flanking movement, carpenters, because the latter agreed Captain Towse and 50 Gordon High- to work on buildings regardless of who demanded their surrender. Cap- employed thereon, so long as their union is recognized, the Allied Building bayonets and charge. With a wild Trades Council, in retaliation, ordered cheer the Gordons rushed at the one- out all its men wherever the Brotherhood of Carpenters are working.

This makes about 16,000 men, in all, employed in building trades, on a strike in this city. The order affects the exposition building, where hundreds of men are at work preparing the structure for the coming republican national convention.

BRYAN IN OHIO.

He "Submits" to an Interview in Which He Declares the Demograts Will Have an Overwhelming Victory.

TOLEDO, May J .- W. J. Bryan arrived in Toledo this afternoon. It is Bryan at various points where he spoke in the city.

While here he submitted to an interview and took occasion to express himself very decidedly regarding the coming national election, which he declared will surely result in an overwhelming democratic victory.

DEWEY AT ST. LOUIS.

A Rousing Reception Tendered the Visiting Admiral by the People,

ST. LOUIS, May 3.-Amid the firing Brooks, a machinist of this city has of cannon, the shricking of whistles just fallen heir to a fortune of \$9,000,000. and the huzzas of a vast concourse of When the gold fever of 1846 prevailed, enthusiastic people, Admiral Dewey Charles and Joseph Pettit, uncles of became the guest of the city of St. Mr. Brooks, left their home in the Louis this evening. Thousands of peo-Province of Quebec and started for ple crowded into and around the mam-California, where they built the rail- moth depot long before the train ar-

DEKALB MILLS RESUMED.

CHICAGO, May 3 .- A special to the

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\$35,859,964, The bill was passed without discussion.

title.

The senate committee on post offices and post roads completed the post offic: appropriation bill and Chairman Wolcott will report it tomorrow.

The net increase in the bill is about \$1,000,000, which includes the restoration of the provision for a pneumatic tube service as first reported by the estimated that fully 25,000 people neard house committee. It provides \$225,000 for continuing present contracts and adds \$500,000 for the extention of the service to other cities in addition to

> The French ambassador called on President McKinley and Secretary Hay today and conveyed the condolence of the French republic to the president of the United States over the mine disaster near Salt Lake City.

those where it has been in use.

CONSULAR SERVICE BILL,

committee Has Concluded Consideration and Will Recommend the Passage of the Law.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .- The senconcluded consideration of the bill for have been committed. the reorganization of the consular service and agreed to report as a substitute for the original senate bill a measure prepared by the state department. The bill provides a system of examination for consuls, consuls general and commercial agents, but exempts viceconsuls and vice-consuls generals, deputies and consular agents from its re-

executive regulations. consuls general of the first class who are to receive \$10,000 each per annum; eight of the second class at \$8,000, 15 there are to be 37 of the first class at

into the treasury. The proposed classification is to be made within one year. The present incumbents of the consulates, consulates-general and commercial agencies

passing they are to be readmitted to called. The bill provides for a board of examiners, consisting of state department officials, and the board is given authority to fix the scope and method of its examination. Consula and consuls-general are to be trans-After Years Congress Opens Milferred from one place to another in the Horrible Situation at the Scosame class at the will of the president,

PASSED AT LAST

lions of Acres for Farms.

French Republic Expresses Sympathy Over

the Utah Mine Disaster-Postoffce Ap-

propriation Will Be Reported To-

day .- Its Provisions.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .- The house

oday, without division, passed the

"free homes" bill which has been pend-

ing before congress for a number of

ment shalf issue patents to actual,

lands of all Indian reservations open-

terms of the bill the government as

sumes the payment of the purchase

Hon acres have been taken up and

A remarkable thing in connection

with the passage of the bill today was

the speech in its favor by Galusha A.

Grow (rep.), of Pennsylvania, the ven-

erable ex-speaker of the house, who 48

years ago fathered and passed the orig-

the whole to consider the free-homes

favor of the bill. Eddy said all party

platforms had declared in favor of

this. Flynn, of Oklahoma, in advocat-

ing the bill, said it was a mistake to

honies free. They would have to re-

side upon their lands and cultivate

them for five years before securing

Maddox of Georgia opposed the bill.

He said it would cost the government

wola, in charge of

member of the house.

involved \$1,200,000 annually.

purposes.

ed to settlement.

ted States is to be assigned to the country of his nativity. Persons employed in the state de-MAIL TUBE PROVIDED FOR partreent for two years are made eligible for appointment to places in the consular service at the same salary without examination.

but no naturalized citizen of the Uni-

NEW CAMPAIGN PLAN.

Filipino Insurgents to Organize Small Mounted Bands to Harass the American Forces.

WASHINGTON, May 3.-Recent mail advices to the war department from the Philippines indicate that the latest plan of the insurgents is to organize into mounted bands of 100 and harass he American forces wherever possible These bands will be seatered through-

The bill provides that the governout the islands and will be in daily bona fide settlers on the agricultural ommunication with each other as far as possible by means of scouts, who will carry the orders to govern concert-These lands were taken up by seted movements and all information contiers, who contracted to pay for them cerning retreats, reinforcements, etc. According to the Liberal, the organ of the Filipinos, a complete plan of miliary strategy will be drawn up "as a price to the Indians, and changes the result of which the Americans will existing laws relative to agricultural oon suffer.

colleges so as to insure the payment It is reported that a strong insurgent of endowments, which heretofore have come out of the sale of public lands peles mountains and that nearly all in case of deficiency. These payments the towns of the provinces, whether occupied by Americans or not, continue Of the 29,000,000 acres in the Indian to pay taxes for the sustenance of the reservations opened to settlement, for Filipinos in arms and the prosecution which the government is to pay, or of the struggle. has paid, \$35,900,000, about eight mil-

PHILIPPINE COURT-MARTIALS.

to be still available for agricultural Right of Commanding General to Carry Out the Sentences of Certain Volunteer Officers Will Be Tested.

WASHINGTON, May 3.-The war department has received from General Otis, at Manila, the rec ords of the proceedings of courts marinal homestead bill. He was then tial in the cases of six commissioned the youngest and is now the oldest officers. The chief of these cases is that of Major George W. Kirkman, The house went into a committee of Forty-Ninth volunteer infantry (Captain Twenty-third infantry) who we the bill, made the opening speech in General Otis on conviction by court martial of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in having misbehaved in appearing on the streets of Manila in a drunken condition, suppose that it gives settlers their

The other cases received are those of First Lieutenant Robert C. Gregg, Forty-Ninth volunteer infantry; First Lieutenant Clayton J. Bailey, Twenty-Seventh infantry; First Lieutenant John J. Foley, Thirtleth volunteer infantry and First Lieutenant Harold Hammond, Ninth infantry, These officers were tried on various charges. Lieutenants Gregg and Bailey were convicted and sentenced to dismissal and Lieutenants Foley and Hammond

were acquitted. The sentnce of each case was approved by General Otis and were disposed of without dismission to the authorities at Washington. The records have been sent to the war department for file and recorded in the office of the judge-advocate general.

At the instance of the secretary of war, Judge-Advocate General Lieber will make a special report in the case of Major Kirkman, which report also will have a bearing on the cases of Lieutenants Gregg and Bailey as the same legal principle is involved in each of them. Generally stated it involves the right of General Otis to dismiss the officers without the reference to the president as commander-in-chief of the army. It is admitted hat such power is con-

ferred on generals commanding armies in the field in time of war, but it is contended that no such condition existed in the case of Major Kirkman at ate committee on foreign relations has the time of the offenses alleged to Bryan and the delegates were instruct-

THE ARMY BILL PASSED.

Senate Also Disposes of a Number of Pension Bills, Including That of General Longstreet.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .- The senate today adopted a motion of Hoar to quirements. These latter officials are take up the resolution declaring Clark, to be appointed as heretofore under of Montana, not duly elected to the senate and then postponed considera-Under the bill there are to be two tio not the question for one week. The army appropriation bill was passed.

The senate passed 137 private pension bills. Among them were bills of the third class at \$6,000 and 13 of granting a pension of \$50 a month to the fourth class at \$5,000. Of consuls General Longstreet, who was major in the United States army before he salaries of \$5,000 cach; 35 of the second went into the confederacy; to Mrs. class at \$3,000; 40 of the fourth class | Margaret Badger, widow of Commoat \$2,500; 30 of the fifth class at \$2,000; dore Badger, and to Mrs. Gridley, 50 of the sixth class at \$1,800. All fees | widow of the late Captain Gridley, of received by those in the consular ser- the Olympia, and of \$100 a month to vice except consular agents are to be Mrs. Julia Henry, widow of General Guy V. Henry.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AT SUAKIM.

are to be gradually recalled for exam- honic plague and one death from the son and hung there for five hours when ination within two years, and after disease are reported here.

the classes from which they are re-TO BURY DEAD

field Mines, in Utair.

MAY BURN THE BODIES

Children Gather a Carload of Flowers to Strew Upon the Coffins -Subscriptions for Relief Families Coming From Every Quarter.

SALT LAKE, May 3.-The latest dispatches from Scofield says that the extreme estimate of dead is now about 250 man.

Relatives of the victims continue to arrive from all surrounding towns. There are not enough coffins in the camp to bury the dead, and to add to the horror of the situation the bodies are rapidly decomposing and it has been suggested that cremation may have to be resorted to.

There are 50 bodies for which no provision for burial has been made.

Quite a number of Finlanders were killed in the mine but, notwithstanding, not a single Finlander has votunteered to aid in the rescuing and amp is being organized in the Zam- the bodies of the Finns have been recovered by Welsh, Scotch, English and American miners.

> A joint committee of the Odd Felows and Knights of Pythias spent the day among the dead, identifying members of their orders. They found about twenty of each order among the dead. The school children of this city have

gathered a carload of flowers which will be sent to Scoffeld. Subscriptions for the benefit of the sufferers are coming in from all over the state and the total now amounts

to \$13,000. SOLD AURORA BOREALIS.

A Clever Swindler Beats New York Capitalists Out of a Tidy Sum.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., May 3 -charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by selling imaginary quartz gold mines in Atlin to prominent New York capitalists. These include J. P. O'Brien, the well-known Staten Island railroad promoter; M. E, Graves, a retired mining king; Attorney Peter A. Hendrick and Thomas Lazier, a prominent New York finan-

Banks went to New York last March with samples of quartz, rich in gold, which he claimed came from claims

wned by him in Atlin, Alaska. He was to give the New Yorkers a half interest in these claims for money with which to develop them and build a stamp mill. This was given him, in the shape of three accepted drafts for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars and \$35,000 more was to be furnished when development had sufficiently progressed. Banks acknowledges he is the man and says he never owned any quartz while in Atlin.

FOR BRYAN AS A UNIT.

Iowa Democrats Accept the Leader But Balk at the Chicago Platform.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 3.-The democratic state convention today selected four delegates at large to the Kansas City convention. Cato Sells. of Vinton, Charles A. Walsh, of Ottawa, John S. Murphy, of Dubuque, and Geo. Raker, of Davenport.

The proceedings were characterized by harmony throughout, the prevailing sentiment was overwhelmingly for ed to vote as a unit at Kansas City. In framing the platform, the more conservative element prevailed. The Chicago platform is endorsed and the gold standard denounced, but the ratio of 16 to 1 does not appear in the reso-

KENTUCKY DERBY.

Lieutenant Gibson Cuts the Track Record in a Magnificent Race.

LOUISVILLE, May 3.-Lieutenant Gibson, the son of G. W. Johnson. showed this afternoon that the confidence placed in him by the talent had been fully justified, for he won the 26th Kentucky derby as he pleased, taking three-quarters of a second off the track record for one mile and a quarter.

Over 25,000 people saw the race, which was run in 2:05%.

STEAMER GOES AGROUND.

SEATTLE, May 3.-The steamer Victorian, while on route from Victoria to Scattle, about II o'clock this SUAKIM, May3.-Three cases of bu- morning ,went aground off Point Wilshe floated off with the rising tide.